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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D C 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT: The DCI's Annual Report to the Congress

1. My Annual Report to the Congress last year was organized on a set of intelligence objectives and principles drawn from the National Foreign Intelligence Strategy. These issues were addressed in the context of a review of world events that had a significant impact on the Intelligence Community. My intention was to convey to the Congress a sense of the problems and challenges that confront us on a daily basis, and to provide an account of our response and the contributions we make to the nation's security. (C)

2. I want to proceed along similar lines in my report for 1986. I especially want to emphasize how and where intelligence makes a difference, and underscore the contributions it can make to the efficient allocation of constrained national resources. At the same time, I wish to provide the Congress an assurance that we are moving in a sound and sensible way to deal with the challenges of the future as we make choices and set priorities. That can best be done in a discussion of such topics as consumer demands, the changing intelligence environment, and the need for flexibility in structuring resources. The Annual Report is an excellent way of telling people what we have actually been asked or required to do, as well as how well we have done it. It is also a way of pointing out what is needed if we are to keep doing the job. (C)

3. The Intelligence Community Staff will again coordinate preparation of the Report. Terms of Reference with a schedule for production are attached. Please provide any comments and the name of your action officer to [redacted] (U)

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William J. Casey

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